

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 2318 - HB 2526**

February 8, 2002

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Divests jurisdiction of general sessions courts to hear orders of protection actions if the court does not otherwise have domestic relations jurisdiction. Provides that venue for petitions for orders of protection shall be in the county where the petitioner resides, the county where the respondent resides, or the county in which the domestic abuse occurred.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000**

**Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000**

Estimate assumes that divesting general sessions courts of jurisdiction with regard to orders of protection, unless the general sessions court has been given domestic relations jurisdiction will require the state trial courts to hear the order of protection cases in those counties.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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